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FROM :

SUBJECT: ONE Comments on "Assessment of the Threat of Communist Subversion in the Baghdad Pact Area", US Contribution.

1. We feel this paper is in general a sound and comprehensive treatment of the subject. We concur heartily with the idea introduced in the first paragraph of page 4 that the Soviet Union's attitude toward the UAR is a cautious one. However, as it stands it may be a little misleading; the significant fact is that despite this caution, the USSR will probably continue to accept and support the UAR for some time because the UAR is probably the most effective means of achieving many of the Soviet aims and objectives set forth in Section III on pages 6 and 7. Perhaps the proper balance on this question could be reached by adding an item at the beginning of Section IV (Methods) as follows: "(a) Support of the UAR's efforts to eliminate the special position of the West throughout the Middle East."